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Sir W. Taylor concludes:—"Information is wanted as to the causes of physical deficiency and as to the best available methods of remedying defects and improving the natural health. Such an inquiry might fully be undertaken by a Commission, as to the composition of which the advice of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons might be asked. As the matter is one of the utmost importance from the recruiting point of view, it is suggested that the Secretary of State might take the initiative in the matter of getting the opinion of the Councils of the Colleges with regard to (a) the necessity for such an inquiry; (b) the ground to be covered by a Commission if appointed; (c) composition of Commission."

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Alacrity	despatch- vessel	1700	—	3000	Comdr. O. de B. Brock	Weihaiwei
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain T. H. M. Jorran	Weihaiwei
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Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Weihaiwei
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.
2.45 p.m.—Auction of a Quantity of
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Miscellaneous.
9 a.m.—Military Practice.
Goods per *Savona* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Lightning* after 4 p.m. on this
date will be landed.

General Memoranda.
THURSDAY, August 27:—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of the whole of the
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Goods per *Bender* undelivered after this
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On the 18th of August, 1903, at the
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BAKER, aged 23 years.

At 27 Broadway, Shanghai, on the 17th
instant, HENRIETTA STRANDEY, infant son of
Capt. and Mrs. Paramore; aged 3 months
and 20 days.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1903.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Slowly but steadily
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EXCHANGE.

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tention is being direct-
ed to the reform of China's currency
and the fixity of exchange. We have
been told that it is hopeless to expect
a currency standard of any sort in that
country. Undeterred by the falsity of
former predictions regarding China,
these assurances have come from those
who might have been expected to know
something of the country. But the
spirit of change is in the air, and it is
not too much to expect currency
changes as well. Sir Robert Hart
formulated a scheme, and showed the
Chinese Government that it is to the
country's national benefit that a fixed
standard should be arrived at between
gold and silver. And now the United
States and Mexican delegates in Europe
have passed resolutions, in conjunction
with the German delegates, favouring
a universal standard currency
in China, with a standard of
value of silver coins in relation to
gold. Taken by themselves, these re-
solutions may not mean much as re-
gards China; but the fact that the Powers
are working towards a fixed ratio for
gold and silver coinage, coupled with
Sir Robert Hart's action and the pres-
sure that is being brought to bear by
the Foreign Chambers of Commerce in
China, through the Diplomatic Corps
in Peking, gives hope of a speedier
change in China than the advocates of
currency reform dreamt of twelve
months ago. The fluctuations of silver
have had a depressing effect upon
China's foreign trade, and the heavy
fall in silver hit China herself very
severely. In the recognition of this
fact by the Chinese authorities lies the
hope of the future; for the Chinese are
a practical race and are most suscep-
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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Russian Reinforcements.
The eleven torpedo-boats, which are to
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Kronstadt about July 28.

To Save the Yalu.
The *Japan Mail* says that if Great
Britain insists on the opening of Wiju to
trade, the Yalu Valley may be saved to
China; if not, Russia will absorb it.

Telegraph Line Across Siberia.
The *Kobe Herald* publishes a telegram
to the following effect:—The Czar has given
orders for the establishment of the direct
telegraphic communication between St.
Petersburg and Vladivostok.

Russian Plots.
The *Tungshing* *Itung* has the following
which *(N.C. Daily News)* translate:—
The Russian General commanding a force of
Cossacks at Antungshien, Fengtun pro-
vince, near the Yalu river, a few days ago,
posted proclamations throughout that town
ordering all native shops and houses to list
the Russian flag at their doors, on pain of
Tls. 70 fine for first offence and imprison-
ment if persisted in. Antungshien is about
fifty miles west of Fengtungeh.

Ching and American Intervention.
According to a Northern paper at a
recent conference of the Grand Council in
the presence of the Empress Dowager and
Emperor to discuss the Manchurian ques-
tion, Prince Ching strongly recommended
the Emperor to send an autograph dispatch
to President Roosevelt asking the latter to
mediate between China and Russia, 'as the
United States is the only Power upon whose
disinterestedness China can now rely de-
pend.' The recommendation was accepted
and Prince Ching was also commanded to
call personally at the U.S. Legation and ask
the assistance of Minister Conger.

The County Cricket Championship.
The following table shows the position
of the English counties down to 10th
August:—

County	Runs	Wickets	Points
Middlesex	1000	100	100
Yorkshire	950	95	95
Surrey	900	90	90
Gloucestershire	850	85	85
Nottinghamshire	800	80	80
Leicestershire	750	75	75
Derbyshire	700	70	70
Warwickshire	650	65	65
Essex	600	60	60
Kent	550	55	55
Hampshire	500	50	50
Devonshire	450	45	45
Wiltshire	400	40	40
Shropshire	350	35	35
Staffordshire	300	30	30
Lancashire	250	25	25
Cheshire	200	20	20
Northamptonshire	150	15	15
Lincolnshire	100	10	10
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Figures in brackets represent position
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Buying Them Off.
The *N.C. Daily News* says, a private
telegram from Peking received by friends of
the cashiered and condemned ex-Marshall
Su, states that it is estimated that it will cost
that officer's family at least Tls. 250,000 to
get his sentence of 'Decapitation at the
next Autumn Assizes' commuted to banish-
ment, and Tls. 50,000 less than the above
sum to delay the carrying out of the execu-
tion to 1914. Wang Chih-chun, it is fur-
ther stated, has transmitted Tls. 70,000 as
a first instalment to Peking to look up the
mouths of meddling Censors. As a first
result of the above draft Chou Shu-mu, the
Censor who lately nearly succeeded in get-
ting Wang arrested and thrown into prison,
has been now appointed Assistant Ex-
aminer for the Zhansi M.A. competitions,
and he has thus been sent out of town,
where he must keep quiet for at least three
months.

Chang Chih-tung on Manchuria.
The *Japan Times* published the follow-
ing on the 14th inst. — The *Tokio Asahi*'s
correspondent at Peking has elicited the
following statement from Chang Chih-tung:—
"The Manchurian question is still in a
stage when the matter in connection with
it should be kept in secrecy. The Chinese
Government has given to Russia repeated
notice of our refusal of her demands. It is
a pity that China is not able to force Russia
to evacuate Manchuria, but what is the
reason of the hesitation of Japan, the
United States and England to open direct
negotiations with Russia? Will not Eng-
land or the United States help Japan in
her possible war with Russia? Suppose,
however, that Russia be forced to evacuate
Manchuria, owing to the efforts of a
third Power, she (Russia) will surely
scheme to encroach upon the territory of
the third Power has any great interest.
[The correspondent says that Chang Chih-
tung] expressed deep concern about this
question. I shall do my best to persuade
the authorities in charge to throw open
Manchuria to foreign commerce. At any
rate, a strong army is the first and the
most important requirement of China."
As to the abolition of the Civil Ser-
vice Examination, there is no question
about its advisability, but the customs,
established from time immemorial, can-
not be done away at once.

**The Chinese Government is consult-
ing with Mr. Uchida, the Japanese Minister,
with regard to the Chinese students in
Japan. Respecting the arrest of suspect-
ed revolutionaries there are some mis-
understandings on the part of the public.
The Chinese Government does not intend
to interfere with all political discussion or to
persecute all the reformers. It is with
the pure revolutionaries only that the
Government has interfered or will
interfere.**

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Sir H. A. Blake and Ceylon.
The *Times of Ceylon* of the 10th inst.
says:—Our contemporary's assertion that
Sir Henry Blake would probably succeed
Sir West Ridgeway must now give place to
another, for the Governor of Hongkong
continues there for another year.

The Way to Avoid War.
President Roosevelt, in his speech on
June 16 to the University of Virginia,
said: 'I hope and believe that we shall
not ever have to go to war. The surest
way to invite war is to be opulent, aggressive
and unarmed. Now we are opulent,
and if wronged we should certainly become
aggressive. Therefore, let us avoid being
unarmed.'

Cruelty to Animals Act.
Another case under the Cruelty to
Animals Act occupied the attention of Mr.
T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistrate's
court this morning, when Choi Tang (24), cook,
was charged with carrying fowls head downwards
causing them unnecessary suffering. The
offence occurred at Yau-mai on the 24th
instant, and accused was fined \$10, or
14 days' hard labour.

Babcock and Wilcox Boilers.
Mr. David W. Bell, representing
Messrs Babcock and Wilcox, Limited, is
paying a visit to Hongkong in order to
place before clients the merits of the boiler
with which the name of his firm is associ-
ated. Mr. Bell remains here till the end
of the month. We understand that he has
already received some orders in Hongkong,
the Babcock and Wilcox boiler having
special features which recommend it to
engineers.

Hongkong Post Office.
In the House of Commons on the 16th
ult. Mr. Weir said—I beg to ask the Se-
cretary of State for the Colonies if he will
state the cause of the delay in the erection
of a new post office at Hongkong.—Mr. J.
Chamberlain—Designs for the new post
office were called for on December 5 last,
and competitors were given to March 21
last to send in their designs. It will ob-
viously, take some time to make a final
selection; and I do not think that there
has been any undue delay in proceeding
with this work.

The Governorship of Hongkong.
In the House of Commons on the 16th
inst. Mr. Weir said—I beg to ask the
Secretary of State for the Colonies whether,
in view of the approaching termination of
the appointment of the present Governor
of Hongkong and the Imperial importance
of the Colony in its relation to China, will
he consider the expediency of appointing a
governor of wide experience to succeed the
present officer administering the Colony.—
Mr. J. Chamberlain—Sir Henry Blake's
appointment does not expire till November,
1904. It is always my desire in re-
commending the appointment of a governor
for any colony to endeavour to secure the
services of a gentleman of experience.

The Crisis in Kwangsi.
Owing to the extent of the rebellion in
Kwangsi and the smallness of the Govern-
ment forces to oppose the rebels, Viceroy
Tsén has instructed the Kwang Tung mil-
itary authorities to raise without delay forty
battalions, or 20,000 men, and send them
on to the Viceroy headquarters at Houn-
chow as soon as possible. About a for-
night ago a large train of arms and ammu-
nition, under charge of a Taoist and a Br-
gadier-General, while en route for Houn-
chow from Canton, was seized by the rebels
not very far from its destination. The train
consisted of 5,000 Mausers, 50,000 smoke-
less cartridges, 20,000 men ginsangs with
thirty cases of large bore cartridges for the
ginsangs, six mountain guns and twelve
hotchkisses with accompanying ammuni-
tion. The luckless Taoist and General
were beheaded by Viceroy Tsén's orders.

The Hongkong-Canton Railway.
On the 21st ult., in the House of
Commons, Mr. Weir asked the Under
Secretary for Foreign Affairs if he would
state when the concession for the proposed
British railway from Kowloon to Canton
was granted, and the names of the con-
cessionaries; and, in view of the activity
shown by the American syndicate in
constructing their line from Canton to
Hankow, could he explain why the pro-
posed British railway had not yet been
commenced?—Lord Cranborne—The British
and Chinese Corporation were granted a
Preliminary Agreement for the concession
on March 19, 1898. The line has since
been surveyed. This instrument provides
for a final Agreement to be signed in terms
corresponding with those of the Shanghai-
Nanking Railway Concession. The latter
has only recently been concluded.

What is a Cough?
A SPASMODIC effort to expel the
mucus from the bronchial tubes. A
cold causes a more abundant secretion of
mucus, and when the lungs and bronchial
tubes are inflamed, they are extremely
sensitive to the irritation. Unless care is
taken, the cold may result in pneumonia,
which is swift and deadly. If the cold is
a lingering one, the more likely to be
equally fatal consumption may set in. Do
not neglect a cold or cough. T. Lee Chan-
berlain's Cough Remedy. It always cures,
and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists
and medicine vendors; WATKINS Ltd.,
General Agents.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]
THE 'AMERICA' CUP RACE.
LONDON, August 23, 1903.
The *Reliance* won by seven minutes after
deducting time allowance. The weather
was splendid with a fifteen knot breeze;
the course fifteen miles to windward and
back. The *Shamrock* started four seconds
ahead, but after eighty minutes of close
racing, the *Reliance* passed her, turning
the outer mark three minutes ahead and
steadily increasing her lead on the run
home.

**SENTENCE ON THE
HUMBERTS.**
Madame Humbert and her husband have
been sentenced to five years' solitary con-
finement.

THE NEAR EAST.
Bulgarian and Greek subjects residing in
Roumania have received orders from their
respective Governments to return to their
homes for mobilization without delay.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1903.

TELEGRAMS.

(FROM HERALD SERVICE.)
THE POSITION IN THE NORTH.
 VIENNA, 12th August.

The British Government are opposed to the idea of a collision between the Japanese and Russian Governments over the Manchurian question and are believed to have advised Japan to see if a compromise cannot be arrived at with Russia without running contrary to the spirit of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty of Alliance.

PEKING, 12th August.

Viceroy Chang is indignant over Russia's offensive attitude in Manchuria, Mongolia, Ili and Shikiang. The Viceroy intends to insist upon the opening up of Manchuria on and after the date of the third session of the Russo-Japanese Conference, and to then make public the seven clauses of the Russian proposal for a secret Treaty as submitted to China. The Viceroy counts upon obtaining assistance from Japan ultimately.

August 13.

Prince Ching has been ascertaining what Russia's attitude is likely to be now that the Chinese Government have requested America to arbitrate between China and the Powers in respect of outstanding questions. Prince Ching learned that Russia objects to any interference from a third Power, but she would not object to America making friendly efforts to maintain the peace in the Far East.

LONDON, August 13.

A telegram from St. Petersburg announces that the Czar has signed and promulgated a Ukase making the Amur territory with Manchuria a special vicereignty and investing the Viceroy with supreme authority, independent of the Ministers of the Government, over the Pacific Fleet as well as over the Armies in the Amur territory and in Manchuria.

Admiral Alexeeff is appointed the first Viceroy, with power to conduct diplomatic negotiations with neighbouring States.

[MANILA CABLENEWS SERVICE.]

THE POWERS AND THE PORTS.

LONDON, August 20.—The Powers, including Germany, England, France, and Italy, will make a naval demonstration at Salónica. The Russian warships have already sailed to demand of the Porte a full remedy for the murder of the Russian Consul at Monastir.

Rome, August 20.—The Italian fleet is sailing for Salónica to join England, France, Germany, and Russia in a demonstration against the Porte. The Italians are much excited over the massacres in Macedonia and Bulgaria.

Sofia, August 20.—The Bulgarians are determined to resist the Turks to the last ditch. To day 15,000 cartridges were ordered. The whole municipality is in arms, and small battles are being fought every quarter.

The Turks are slaying and burning indiscriminately. St. Petersburg, August 20.—The Russian Consul's murder at Monastir has been avenged. If the slaughter of nearly a thousand Moslems will appease his departed spirit, the revolutionists overwhelmed the Sultan's soldiers in the province of Monastir and butchered them all.

LONDON, August 21.—A dispatch from Constantinople states that Turkey has yielded to all the demands of Russia. Russia will now get full reparation for the murder of the Russian Consul at Monastir.

The Powers have made it plain to the Turks that the reforms to be made in Bulgaria and Macedonia, which peace is established, will be of the most sweeping kind.

The Sultan has replied that every effort will be made at once to restore order, and that the murder of and outrages on Christians will cease at once. It is said that the Turkish Ministry has the whole matter in hand, and that the Sultan, frightened out of his wits, does nothing but spend his time in his harem.

RAILWAY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Washington, August 19.—Secretary of War Root favors the building of a railroad to extend six hundred miles north from Manila, with branches in other directions. The newspapers of the United States discuss the matter at length and capital is much interested.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

New York, August 21.

Secretary of War Root has called for London, where he will be chairman of the American Delegation on the Alaskan Boundary Commission. President Roosevelt, Secretary Root, and Senators Lodge and Turner have gone over all the papers in the case carefully.

America in the Archipelago.

The following cablegram is published by the *Manila Cableway*:—Great Britain has announced to the United States its agreement to arbitration over the seizure by the United States of certain islands off the coast of Borneo.

A Terror in Kwangsi.

A Canton dispatch states that although Viceroy Tsen has only arrived at his new post but nine or ten weeks, H.E. has denounced to the Throne and succeeded in causing and dismissing from office no less than seventy-one civil and military mandarins of Kwangtung province and no less than eighty-nine belonging to Kwangsi province, the last-named province including, as may be remembered, the Governor, the Provincial Treasurer, the Commander-in-Chief, three Taoists and several general officers. In so great a feat Viceroy Tsen held by dishonest and incapable officials in the South that the slightest hint that H.E. had been heard making enquiries about them recently caused a ridiculous panic, resulting, in at least one case, in the death by suicide of one of these dishonest mandarins.

AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

AMOY, August 18, 1903.

TYPHOON JOTTINGS.

The typhoon that passed close to Amoy about August 8th is responsible for a few minor damages to the roofs of the I.M. Customs and Messrs Butterfield and Swire's premises, but we are lucky to have escaped so slightly. The foreign houses on the Tso Bo Sanitarium also suffered a little in the way of tiles blown off and some woodwork ripped away. A heavy thunderstorm, one of the heaviest for years, broke over that hill and the adjacent country on Wednesday last, 12th inst., during the afternoon, with very vivid lightning and a continuous cannonade of thunder, and torrents of heavy rain. About four o'clock one of the houses (now inhabited by the Rev. A. J. Hutchinson, with his wife and child) was struck by the lightning at the West side, changing the window and some of the furniture in the room, which is a bedroom, and curiously making a number of odd holes in the plaster of the wall. Luckily Mr Hutchinson and his wife were at the time in the dining-room at the other end of the house, otherwise they might have been struck too, so all's well that ends well. This is, however, one of the risks that have to be reckoned with in all buildings at that altitude, during the thunderstorm season.

A CHINESE JUNK WRECKED.

The typhoon is also responsible for the wreck of a Chinese Junk on Taian Island in the early hours of the dawn on Sunday, August 9th. A small party of us were spending a few days at the house of the Taian Club last week (all who know Amoy will remember the Bungalow) and visited the Lighthouse, which is in the care of a Chinaman, a very sensible fellow, who keeps everything connected with the Lighthouse spotlessly clean and white, and he favoured us with a peep at his log book, wherein he had inscribed in most amusing English his account of his rescue of the men from the wrecked junk. The boat crashed on to the rocks, but went off on to the beach and beached. The light-house keeper and his assistant rushed to the rescue, and got four fishing boats to help to tow the junk into safety, and then gave the captain a note as proof that it was a bona fide wreck, so that one half of the crew might return to Swatow, from which port the junk had sailed, leaving two men in charge of the vessel and its cargo of oyster shells. He also provided them with such food as they needed. I am sending you a copy of the wording of his account, as it shows clearly how a little knowledge of English can be used to express the meaning, even where the grammar is defective. It is as follows:—During the equally a Swatow Junk was aground on the rock of this island, and she was broken and the crew were in danger. I saw the men and they were very much distressed. I gave them food and water and they were very grateful. I saw the men and they were very much distressed. I gave them food and water and they were very grateful.

Most of the light-houses near here have at least one foreigner in charge of them, but the Taian light has none, two Chinese taking it in turns to guard the light, and so that all goes well. The boatman has his wife with him, and three children, one born only a few weeks ago. He told me that his wife availed herself of his month's holiday, as he prefers staying on the island to going to Amoy.

CHURCH SERVICES.

The Port Chaplain, the Rev W. F. Knox, paid us a visit this week, and held Church of England Services in Union Church, Kowloon, on Sunday, 16th August, Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and Morning Prayer at 11 a.m., followed by a second celebration of Holy Communion.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

In consequence of disputes having arisen as to the assessment of property, the Council is appointing a Land Commission of three Foreigners to assess all property and rentals. Their decisions will be final and binding. One member is to be nominated by the Council; one by the Foreign Ratepayers; and one by the Chinese Ratepayers. They are to be nominated before the 31st of August, and taxation on this new assessment will take effect from 1st January, 1904. In the event of any Chinese not agreeing with the decision of the Commission, the Council has power to deport them from the island.

PLAGUE AND CHOLERA.

As regards plague, there is every hope that its virulence is over, as there are very few cases now. More long we trust that the embargo upon the port may be raised, as it has affected the coolie trade to Singapore and Penang very considerably. The S. S. *Glenfalloch* went up to Foochow last week to try and get coolies from there.

The S. S. *Hong Kow* came in on the 11th and went away again on the 13th, but with only 20 Chinese passengers, the fare being, I hear, \$20.00 to Singapore. So that the annual visitation of plague is a very serious thing for Amoy. Alas that there seems no prospect of banishing it from our midst. As to the purious cholera, or choleraic diarrhoea which has troubled us on Kulangsu, a few cases still occur, though we hope it too is on the decline. Where several cases occur in one house, it is always due to the crass stupidity and ignorance of the Chinese, who take no proper precautions to prevent infection. In one case the grown up sister of a man who died actually used the very same basin and chopsticks that he had used, and she caught it and died in a few hours. How many lives are thrown away simply through the want of the most ordinary care and the utter lack of common sense.

THE EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY.

To-day, being the 28th day of the Chinese sixth moon, August 18th, is the Birthday of the Emperor of China, and is a Customs Holiday. The ships in harbour are dressed in honour of the event, and the Army Band, who live on the island of Kulangsu, is giving an 'At Home' to the Foreign Community, with a Chinese Theatre and fireworks, as he has done for several years.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Sir William M. Good-man, Chief Justice.)

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL.

An application was made on behalf of the Crown by the Attorney-General, Sir Henry, K.C. (assisted by Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor) for leave to appeal from the decision of the Land Court in the case of Lam Teung Fuk and Lam Pak Luk, who claim the absolute ownership of sand banks along the sea beach in front of Kowloon City and Chin-nang village.

The Attorney-General pointed out that the Land Court had allowed the claim, after which the Crown for the land, they afterwards valued it at \$25,000, and when compensation was spoken of said it was worth \$483,000. He said he wanted the case properly re-heard so that the claimants might get what they were rightfully entitled to, and so that the Crown would not be imposed upon by false documentary evidence and by untruthful testimony.

As the deed was false, and anyhow did not confer the rights for which the claimants were asking, he asked that the Crown should be allowed to have the case re-heard. He made the appeal on matters of law and fact.

After further argument His Lordship said that he thought it was a case in which leave to appeal should be granted. He would therefore grant the application and in the meantime would order a stay of all proceedings arising directly or indirectly out of any decision on or after the 1st of September 1903, for three months, unless the appeal could be heard earlier.

Application was also made for leave to appeal in the case of Ho Lup Pun, who claimed absolute ownership of land bordering on the sea between Lyceum and Kowloon City.

Sir Henry Berkeley contended that the claimant had wilfully misrepresented his case, and that the Land Court had blindly accepted his misrepresentations. The man claimed \$50,000 for the land and only paid \$5 per acre for the same.

His Lordship granted the application on the same conditions as in the preceding case.

Liberty to apply for extension of time if necessary was also granted.

THE CURRENCY OF CHINA.

Proposed Fixity of Exchange.

At the meeting held on the 21st ult. at Berlin under presidency of the Director of the Reichsbank, Dr. Koch, the conference of United States, Mexican and German delegates adopted the following resolution:—

(1) The introduction of an universal standard currency in China as a perfect legal tender is urgently desirable. The Chinese Government should adopt all those measures which would enable it to exercise an influence upon foreign rates of exchange.

(2) In countries with a silver currency the exchange value of silver coins will continue to depend upon the national economic condition and other factors. It is, nevertheless, desirable that a standard relationship should be established in the minds of the countries which in future adopt the standard, so that the value of silver coins should be fixed at something like 32 to 1, provided that no further serious alteration in the price of silver takes place.

(3) The introduction of a system of gold values in countries with a silver currency by means of a silver coinage with unlimited validity as a legal tender, but with a steady gold rate of exchange, would materially promote the development of these countries, and would increase the gold standard. It would also extend the opportunities for the profitable investment of capital throughout the world.

(4) The fluctuations in the price of silver coins to a certain extent, but not to the extent of an intelligent, regularity in the purchases and sales of Governments for minting purposes. This regularity would be desirable, and is recommended to the different countries so far as their legislative powers extend to coinage and their monetary necessities do not stand in the way.

On the other hand, an alteration of the currency laws of the countries with a gold standard, and in particular, the adoption of international bi-metallicism, is neither contemplated, nor is it regarded as hopeful. It would further be desirable, in the interest of the silver countries, which the industrial manipulation of silver is subject to taxation, that a standard should be established or reduced.

The delegates of the German Government, also, had a declaration incorporated in the protocol of the proceedings, in which it was stated:—"In the German Colonies, with the exception of East Africa and Kiaochow, money is reckoned in Imperial German marks. If the foregoing resolutions were adopted it would probably be advisable in the case of future purchases of silver for these protectorates, the principles laid down in Resolution 4 should be followed."

Time and Money.

Sickness causes a loss of 5th time and money. You lose the time and have the expense of medical attendance, entailing a double loss. This can be avoided by using some reliable remedy at the first stage of the sickness. The purchase of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy often proves a profitable investment, for, by its use, the first appearance of any unusual looseness of the bowels, a severe attack of diarrhoea or dysentery may be averted, that might otherwise compel a week's cessation from labor. Every household should have a bottle at hand. It never fails and is pleasant to take. Get it to-day. It may save a life. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

THE OFFICIAL CODE VOCABULARY.

Information from London.

The following correspondence with the London Chamber of Commerce with regard to the Official Code Vocabulary was read at the last meeting of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce on the 11th August:—

Hongkong, 14th May, 1903.

Sir,—Your letter of 7th January last, intimating that my letter to you of the 5th December, 1902, on the subject of the 'Official Code Vocabulary' would receive early attention, was duly received.

I have now to confirm the translation of my wire to you of the 12th instant, copied and sent through the courtesy of the Peninsular and Oriental S.N. Co., as follows:—"Referring to letter of 5th December, Hongkong Chamber of Commerce support Committee of Commerce resolutions 2nd April request you on our behalf forward latest official code cycle to General Secretariat Office for presentation. To next meeting is fixed for London 25th May. Love Secretary."

I enclose copy of the resolutions of the New York Chamber referred to above, though you will doubtless have already received a copy of these from that body. As this Chamber has recently been in communication with you with the object of obtaining your support to the objections to the proposed code, I am sure you will be sympathetic to the compulsory use of this official code on the grounds that great expense and inconvenience will be entailed on the mercantile community through the necessary amendment of existing codes.

The latest edition of the official code, still incomplete, and they trust that your Chamber will have seen its way to sympathizing with the views of my committee in forwarding a protest of this Chamber to the Foreign Association in order that the matter may be thoroughly ventilated at the forthcoming Conference.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

A. R. LOVE, Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

London Chamber of Commerce, London, 19th June, 1903.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 14th May covering a copy of resolutions passed by the New York Chamber of Commerce relative to the above matter, which as you correctly surmised brought also to the notice of this and other British Chambers of Commerce. I enclose for the information of your Chamber a copy of the letters addressed to and replies received from His Majesty's Postmaster-General on this matter, from which you will see that active steps were taken to oppose the proposed compulsory adoption of the new official vocabulary, both by resolution passed at a special meeting of this Chamber on the 20th April last, and also by forwarding from time to time to the Foreign Association, various resolutions, whose names are specified in the correspondence sent herewith. It will also be seen that, some time before the opening of the Conference in London (May 25th) the Postmaster-General informed the various Chambers that he had given instructions to the British delegates to oppose the compulsory adoption of the vocabulary. I trust this information will be satisfactory to you, and remain, Yours faithfully,

KENNEDY B. MURRAY, Secretary.

The Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

The Chairman said it would have been noted that Reuters' telegram of the 18th ultimo stated that the International Conference had adopted the proposed rules relating to codes, also from 1st July, 1904, a combination of 5 letters would be accepted as a word, and this was satisfactory to all concerned. What the new rule had at last been cancelled. The new rule, which would be known locally in the course of a mail or two.

CHOLERA ON THE 'FOYANG'.

Captain and Chief Engineer Die.

The N.C. Daily News of August 18 publishes the following with regard to the reported outbreak of cholera on board the China Navigation Company's steamer *Foyang*:—Kicking 17th Aug.—The China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Foyang* is in quarantine here. The captain (Mr R. Phillips), chief engineer (Mr W. H. Campbell), and chief officer were buried this morning. The death is also reported of the second engineer (Mr H. Campbell) and the Chinese pilot. Two more of the officers are sick; all from cholera.

By the courtesy of Messrs Butterfield and Swire, the managers of the China Navigation Co., we learn that the two officers who were sick in hospital were the third engineer and the supercargo officer, leaving only the second engineer and the Chinese pilot. The foreign pilot on her way up the river, and the officers who have taken it before the steamer reached Wuhu. Officers have been sent from Hankow to take her there, while a staff of 4 officers has been dispatched from Shanghai to navigate her back here.—Ed.]

Captain R. Phillips was very well known and popular in the C.N. Co.'s service and with all who had travelled with him. He commanded the *Tungchow* at one time, and was for some time in command of the *Pekin* on the Ningpo route. His wife had a home in Hongkong, and he had been granted leave to make a trip home himself later on in the year. His chief engineer, Mr W. H. Campbell, was one of the best-known and most popular of the members of the merantile service on this coast. All round, he was one of the best, a staunch member of the St. Andrew's Society, and a keen footballer and golfer, and is most deeply regretted by hundreds of friends here and at other ports. There is much sorrow in Shanghai at the terrible and unexampled calamity that has visited Butterfield and Swire's popular steamer, and there is naturally deep anxiety to learn the details of the catastrophe.A later telegram stated that there were no further deaths or cases of illness on board and the *Foyang* left Kiang at 9 o'clock on the 18th inst. The third officer had recovered and had rejoined the ship and the third engineer was getting better. Relief officers were sent from Shanghai. The flag of the

Race Club, Golf Club, Recreation Club, Mercantile Marine Officers' Association and China Navigation Co's ships in Shanghai harbour were half-masted on the 18th.

The Cause of the Outbreak.

A Shanghai Mercury correspondent, writing on August 17 from Kiang, gave the following particulars:—It seems that some of the deceased, if not all, had been suffering from diarrhoea since leaving Shanghai, and all ate of tinned tomato or lettuce salad as well as tinned clams at dinner on the 15th. The third engineer, who was too ill to eat the salad, is still bed with diarrhoea, but is in no danger at present. He has been taken ashore, with the third officer, and put into the Hospital. The second engineer and Chinese pilot, reported in my last letter as 'down', have since died—that is about 10 o'clock this morning. The second officer, Mr Young, is still well and is the only European on board. He deserves every sympathy in his unenviable position, and unbounded admiration for his splendid pluck.

Another correspondent writes:—You will have heard by telegram of the terrible havoc the steamer *Foyang* under the P. Yang.

To-day no less than four of her foreign staff have been buried in our little cemetery here, viz., Captain Phillips, Chief Officer, Second Engineer Campbell, and Chinese Pilot, and three had died before the vessel reached here on Sunday afternoon. The first three were buried here this morning at 9.30. The second engineer, Mr Campbell, who died later, was buried at 1 o'clock this evening. The second officer is the only survivor now left on the vessel. The flag at the Consulate and on the shipping have all been at half-mast, and it is needless to say that the most profound sympathy is felt here for those who have been so suddenly taken, and for their bereaved relatives.

August 18th.—The *Foyang* is leaving for Hankow this morning, help having been sent down from that place.

HOUSE COLLAPSE AT WEST POINT.

Solicitors at Coroner's Inquiries.

An inquiry was initiated at the Magistrate's this afternoon by Mr T. Scrambo Smith, into the circumstances surrounding the death of a bricklayer, who was killed by the fall of two floors in No. 1 Mui Kwa Lane, West Point, on the 19th inst.

Mr H. W. Looker (of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings), applied for permission to represent the Contractors, Architects, and others at this inquiry, and submitted in support of his application that as His Worship was sitting purely as a magistrate, he had a right to appear on behalf of any persons interested, or if His Worship sat on the bench as a Coroner, then it was usual course to allow counsel to be present. Mr Smith, after argument, ruled that Counsel had no right to be present. Mr Looker's contention that he (Mr Smith) sat purely as a magistrate was a wrong statement. He was sitting there as a Coroner, and not conducting a criminal inquiry. He represented all persons who were present, and he would grant the application.

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To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 175 (Special).

CHINA SEA.

SWATOW DISTRICT.

Week of Chinese Gunboat off Breaker Point.

The steamer *Indra* of Breaker Point and the gunboat *Indra* of Breaker Point.The steamer *Indra* of Breaker Point and the gunboat *Indra* of Breaker Point.The steamer *Indra* of Breaker Point and the gunboat *Indra* of Breaker Point.The steamer *Indra* of Breaker Point and the gunboat *Indra* of Breaker Point.The steamer *Indra* of Breaker Point and the gunboat *Indra* of Breaker Point.The steamer *Indra* of Breaker Point and the gunboat *Indra* of Breaker Point.The steamer *Indra* of Breaker Point and the gunboat *Indra* of Breaker Point.The steamer *Indra* of Breaker Point and the gunboat *Indra* of Breaker Point.The steamer *Indra* of Breaker Point and the gunboat <

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports...	Empire (s).	Gibby, Livingston & Co.	August 23, at noon
Bremen, &c.	Kiautschou (s).	Molchers a Co.	September 2
Byrones &c.	Bayern (s).	Molchers & Co.	September 17
Cebu & Tientsin	Kwangsang (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	August 29
Chemulpo & P. Archa	Wilkeson (s).	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Aug. 23 at 5 p.m.
Colon, & Mauritius	Sichoon (s).	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Sept. 29
Havre, Bremen & P. Archa	Konigsberg (s).	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	September 13
Havre and Hamburg	Adulandis (s).	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	September 23
Hollo & Cebu.	Perla (s).	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Aug. 28, at 4 p.m.
Hollo	Wuchang (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	September 4
Kobe & Yokohama	Hitchi (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 28, at daylight
Kobe & Yokohama	Yokohama Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 29, at 10 a.m.
London, &c.	Violetta (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 28, at Noon
London, Antwerp &c.	Samura (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	September 13
London v. Suez Canal	Morenothshire (s).	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	August: 6, 10 a.
Liverpool	Pinnauy (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	September 22
Manila	Rohilla Maru (s).	Toyo Kisen Kaisha.	Aug. 28, at Noon
Manila	Zafiro (s).	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Aug. 29, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Rubi (s).	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Sept. 5, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Yuensang (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Aug. 28, at 4 p.m.
Manila & Australian	Sungkiang (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	August 26
Manila & Australian	Changshan (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	September 8
Moji, Kobe & Yama	Hiroshima Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 4 at Noon
Mar. L'lon, A. Arp, &c.	Yama Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 5, Daylight
Manila and Australia	Wakana Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 11, at 4 p.m.
Manila & A. Arp	Nestor (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Sept. 11, at 4 p.m.
Mar., L'lon & A. Arp	Kintuck (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	September 15
Ningpo and Shanghai	Ichang (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	August 31
Nagasaki & Vntok.	Savata (s).	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Aug. 31, at 5 p.m.
N'ki, Kobe & Yama	Yasuda Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 9, at Noon
New York v. Suez Can. (s).	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About August 30
New York v. Suez Can.	Bismarck (s).	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About August 30
New York v. Suez Can.	Satsuna (s).	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Sept. 23
New York v. Suez Can.	Baron Driesen (s).	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About August 28
Shanghai	Ballaart (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About August 2
S'pore, China, & B'bay	Nankin (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Aug. 28
S'pore, P'ns, Calcutta	Porosa (s).	Sunder, Wierler & Co.	September 13
S'pore, P'ns, Calcutta	Indrastra (s).	Dodwell & A. S. Co.	September 13
S'w. Amoy & Tamsui	Daig Maru (s).	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	August 28
S'w. Amoy, Foochow	Maizuru Maru (s).	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	August 31
S'w. Amoy & Tamsui	Maizuru Maru (s).	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	September 2
S'w. Amoy & P'chow	Huipen (s).	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Aug. 27, at 10 a.m.
S'w. Amoy & P'chow	Haichen (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	August 27
S'w. Amoy & P'chow	Indrastra (s).	Dodwell & A. S. Co.	Aug. 26
Vancouver (B.C.) &c.	Emureuse of Japan(s).	Canadian P. & O. Co.	Sept. 8, at 4 p.m.
Victoria, B.C., Seattle	Shinano Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 8, at 4 p.m.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Lynn la (s).	Dodwell & Co. Limited	September 10
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Lynn la (s).	Dodwell & Co. Limited	September 17
Yam,Shai,Moji,Kobe	Sornio (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Sept. 4
Yokohama & Kobe	Sambie (s).	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Aug. 30, Daylight

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.					
Stocks.		No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotation Cash.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000.	£	125	all	\$640, sales London, 285
National Bank of China, Limited	19,870	£	8	8	\$29
	29,865	£	10	2	\$29
	700	£	1	1	\$10
Do. Founders' shares					
MARINE INSURANCE.					
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	250	\$	50 \$178, buyers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	£	83.33	£	25 \$60, a/s
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£	100	£	25 The 225, sales & call
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	£	100	\$	20 \$1, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	£	250	£	10 \$47 1/2
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	£	100	£	60 \$133, sales
FIRE INSURANCE.					
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	£	100	20	\$661, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	£	250	\$	\$327 1/2, sales & sellers
DOCKS, ETC.					
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.,	50,000	£	50	all	\$2 1/2, ex div., buyers
Joe. Farwick & Co., Limited.	5,000	£	25	\$	25 \$47 1/2
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	£	67	£	64 \$37, buyers
S. C. Farman, Byrd & Co. Ltd.	55,700	£	100	The	100 The 162 1/2, sales
FARMACUTS, TOBS ETC.					
China and Mal. S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	£	50	£	50 \$20, sellers
	10,000	£	50	£	45 \$16, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	30,000	£	60	all	\$40, sellers
H.K. & N. M. S. S. Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	10	£	15 \$39, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	50,000	£	10	£	10 \$28, buyers
	10,000	£	10	£	10 \$28, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	£	10	£	5 \$18, sellers
Mail Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	3,000,000	£	1	£	1 21.2, sellers
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	2,000	£	100	The	100 The 355, sales
Toku Tug and Land Co., Ltd.	8,600	£	50	The	50 The 48, sellers
Shanghai Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	100	The	100 The 177 1/2, sales
Co-operative Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	3,000	£	100	The	100 The 177 1/2, sales
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Company, Limited.	20,000	£	100	a	\$96, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	£	100	a	\$10, buyers
Pemak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	£	80	T	50 The 70, sellers
WHEAT.					
H.K. & Yow. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	£	50	all	\$88, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	20,100	£	100	The	100 The 240 sellers
LAND AND BUILDING.					
Hongkong Land Investment and					
Agency Company, Limited.	50,000	£	100	100	\$155, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	39,000	£	50	The	50 The 102, sales
Shanghai Land and Building Com.	5,000	£	50	50	\$38, sellers

Thompson's Estate & Finance Co.	100,000	\$	10	all	\$11, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$	50	\$	50 \$80, sellers
RAILWAYS.					
H.R. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$	100	all	\$320
MINING.					
Jebeba Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$	5	\$	51, sellers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$	11	\$	11 \$2
..... Preference shares.....	30,000	\$	1	all	30 cents, buyers
Société Française des Charbon-	16,000	Fcs.	250	all	\$600, sellers
nages du Tonkin.....					
Kaib Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$	1	18/10	\$9, sellers
ROBES, ETC.					
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	\$	50	all	\$153, sellers
Oriente Hotel, Manila.....	7,000	\$	50	\$	50 \$55, buyers
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin)	2,000	Ts. 50	Ts. 50	Ts. 155,	buyers
Astor House Hotel Co. (S'hai)	30,000	\$	25	\$	25 \$30, sellers
REFRIGERATES.					
A. S. Winsor & Co., Limited.	60,000	\$	10	all	\$14
Watkins Limited	10,000	\$	19	\$	19 \$7, buyers
LIGHTING.					
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	\$	10	all	\$140, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Ts.	50	Ts. 50	Ts. 109
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	\$	10	\$	10 \$12.75, sellers
New Electric (same issue)	30,000	\$	10	\$	5 \$7, sales
RUBBER & CEMENT.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	10	\$	10 \$24, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	50	\$	50 \$15, buyers
Hell's Asbestos Eastern Agency,	8,604	E	12/8	\$	12/6 \$5, sellers
..... Ltd.					
United Asbestos Oriental Agency,	10,000	\$	10	\$	10 \$39.10, buyers
..... Limited	600	\$	50	\$	50 \$20
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	7,000	\$	10	\$	10 \$15, buyers
H.K. Steam Water-bat Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	7 1/2	all	\$12
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	5,000	\$	25	all	\$20, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	7,800	\$	20	\$	20 Ts. 425, sales
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$	5	\$	5 nominal
Shau Chuan Planting Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$	14	\$	14 \$5
H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	10	\$	10 \$15, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	17,500	Ts.	40	Ts. 100	Ts. 36
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weav-					
ing Co., Ltd.					
Lung-Cong Cotton Manufacturing	10,000	Ts.	75	Ts. 75	Ts. 40, sellers
ing Co., Ltd.					
Lung-Cong-Mow Cotton Spin-	8,000	Ts.	100	Ts. 100	Ts. 40, buyers
ning and Weaving Co., Ltd.					
International Cotton Spinning	2,000	Ts.	500	Ts. 500	Ts. 160
and Weaving Co., Ltd.					
Sov. China Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	10	\$	10 9 1/2, sales
China Pre-vident Loan Mortgage	60,000	\$	12	\$	12 \$10, sellers
Co., Ltd.	4,000	\$	50	\$	50 \$25, buyers
China Commerce Company, Ltd.	1,200	\$	10	all	\$40, sellers
Universal Trading Co.	4,000	\$	50	\$	50 \$25, buyers
Robinson Piano Co. Ltd.	1,200	\$	10	all	\$40, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limd	12,000	\$	10	\$	10 \$9, sellers
Wm. Powell, Limited					

Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.....	20,000	50	60	\$12. sellers
Alhambra Limited.....	200	50	50	\$.50, buyers
<i>LOANS.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Value.</i>	<i>Interest.</i>	<i>Quotation.</i>
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